

# Cape Chronicle

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## Photos of the Week



Recent ocean view from Coquina Beach.



A grey seal pup rested on the beach in Salvo early last week.



### History



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NC Department of Transportation crews worked hard to fortify the dunes north of Rodanthe last week. Dune breaches, including a 60-to-80 foot breach, caused multiple NC-12 closures.



This great horned owl was spotted near Ramp 59 on Ocracoke Island.

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### **Outer Banks Forever**

Outer Banks Forever ([www.obxforever.org](http://www.obxforever.org)) is the official non-profit partner of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, and Wright Brothers National Memorial.

## Seashore Updates

A lot has happened since the March 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of the Cape Chronicle.

- All indoor facilities at Cape Hatteras National Seashore (Seashore) are currently closed in order to minimize potential spread of COVID-19, consistent with federal, state, and local advisories.
- As services are limited, the Seashore urges visitors to continue to practice Leave No Trace principles, including pack-in and pack-out, to keep outdoor spaces safe and healthy.
- Outdoor spaces remain open for the purposes of activities described under North Carolina's [Executive Order 121 \(FAQs\)](#) and Dare County's "[Stay Home – Stay Healthy](#)" declaration.
- At this time, all beachgoers should not gather in groups of more than 10 people and should practice adequate social distancing. Seashore Rangers are patrolling the beaches to ensure visitors are meeting the [President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America](#).
- For current beach access information, go to: <http://go.nps.gov/beachaccess>. Off-road vehicle permits can be purchased online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). ORVs and pedestrians can access Cape Point using the Bypass Road south of Ramp 44.
- Beachgoers should use caution in the ocean as no lifeguards are on duty at this time of year.
- The start of the 2020 camping season is postponed until further notice.
- The start of the 2020 lighthouse climbing season is postponed until further notice.
- For National Park Service COVID-19 updates, visit [www.nps.gov/coronavirus](http://www.nps.gov/coronavirus).

The sound of ocean waves, the starry night sky, or the calm of the salt marshes, you can experience it all. Whether you are enjoying the beach, kayaking the sound, or climbing the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, there is something for everyone to explore at the Seashore!

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